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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Director--Management
National Foreign Assessment Center

SUBJECT : Request to Lead a Seminar at the
University of Virginia, 22 February

1. I have been asked by Jack Armitage to teach a class he has organized at the University of Virginia on 22 February 1978, dealing with "Soviet Leadership--Present and Future." This would involve delivering a 45-minute lecture, answering questions based upon the lecture, and then leading a smaller seminar session.

2. It is my understanding that the group would include undergraduates, graduates, and faculty members. I would be identified as a CIA employee. The talk I would give would be based essentially on a paper I wrote before joining the Agency, and would include no classified information. It is conceivable that the talk might be listed beforehand in some bulletin, or referred to later in the campus newspaper (if there is one).

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Attachment:
Letter of Invitation from
John Armitage

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CONCUR: STATINTL

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Director of Regional and Political Analysis

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Director of Security

8 FEB 1978

Date

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Coordinator for Academic Relations

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Date

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Associate Director-Management, NFAC

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Dear [REDACTED]

In my capacity as Diplomat-in-Residence here at the University of Virginia, I am organizing a four or five part seminar on the Soviet Union. The seminar would consist of lecture sessions followed by discussion on several pertinent topics - and would be attended by students enrolled in foreign policy, Soviet History and related courses and by interested professors. I have in mind beginning the seminar the middle of February, perhaps February 14, and ending it the first week of March

I would be most pleased if it were possible for you to conduct one of the sessions on the topic of "Soviet Leadership - Present and Future." I know you have given considerable attention to this subject and believe that it would prove of great interest here. What I have in mind is some elucidation of the current leadership's approach to Soviet policy, domestic and foreign, and some exploratory discussion of the significance leadership changes might have for such policy.

As is not unusual with academic institutions, we are not able to offer any honorarium. We would even hope that the Agency would not find it difficult to pick up the minor expense of travel here but, if need be, we can probably rustle up the money for that. The plane service from Washington to Charlottesville is quite reliable and expeditious; to drive here takes a touch over two hours from Langley. Should you find it possible to over-night with us, either David Jordan or I would be more than glad to put you up.

Please let me know as soon as you are able whether you can participate, so that I can firm up plans with those concerned here.

All best wishes and a belated Happy New Year.

Sincerely,


John A. Armitage
Diplomat-in-Residence